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FOR THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJ: COMMUNICATION FROM RHODESIANS

1. BELOW IS FULL TEXT OF BLIND NOTE GIVEN BRAND FOURIE BY HAWKINS THIS AFTERNOON. IN PASSING IT TO ME FOURIE SAID RHODESIANS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO GRADUAL DE-ESCALATION OF GUERRILLA WARFARE AS SOON AS EUROPEAN-AFRICAN NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS TO THIS END. FOURIE ADDED THAT HAWKINS GAVE HIM TO UNDERSTAND THAT IAN SMITH MIGHT WIND UP HIS SPEECH WITH AN APPEAL FOR IMMEDIATE DE-ESCALATION WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT IN ANY WAY CONFUSE OR CONTRADICT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF FIVE POINTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

22ND SEPTEMBER 1976

A. PRESIDENT NYERERE IS QUOTED ON RADIO SERVICES AND IN NEWSPAPERS TODAY (INCLUDING RHODESIAN NEWSPAPERS) AS SAYING THAT TERRORISM WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED. THIS WILL BE A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE CABINET AND THE SECURITY FORCE

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COMMANDERS DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. ALTHOUGH PARAGRAPH

5 OF THE MAIN DOCUMENT SAYS THAT SANCTIONS WILL BE LIFTED AND ALL ACTS OF WAR, INCLUDING GUERRILLA WARFARE, WILL CEASE UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, WE HAD APPEALED TO DR. KISSINGER TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO BRING ABOUT AN IMMEDIATE DE-ESCALATION.

B. OUR NOTES SHOW IN FACT THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD SAID THAT STOPPING TERRORISM WHEN THE TALKS BEGAN HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH BLACK LEADERS, BUT KAUNDA WAS MOST EAGER TO KEEP THINGS CALM, AND HE WOULD USE HIS BEST OFFICES WITH HIM. THEN LATER IN THE DISCUSSIONS, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER SANCTIONS WOULD FALL AWAY AND TERRORISM END ON OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRESENT PROPOSALS, DR. KISSINGER AFFIRMED THAT SANCTIONS WOULD BE LIFTED AS SOON AS THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, USE ALL POSSIBLE INFLUENCE TO STOP TERRORISM AND HE FELT OTHER WESTERN STATES WOULD ALSO HELP WITH THIS.

C. WHAT WE SEEK, OF COURSE, IS FOR AN IMMEDIATE DE-ESCALATION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IF MR. SMITH IS ABLE TO SAY ON FRIDAY THAT HE HAD SOME INDICATIONS THAT THERE WOULD BE A DE-ESCALATION, IT WOULD DO A GREAT DEAL TO REASSURE THE SECURITY FORCES IN THE FIELD, THEIR FAMILIES, AND CIVILIANS IN THE MORE VULNERABLE AREAS--PARTICULARLY ALONG THE EASTERN BORDER.

D. IF REPORTS THAT JOSHUA NKOMO IS RETURNING TO SALISBURY WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO ARE CORRECT, WE CAN SPEAK TO HIM OURSELVES ABOUT CURBING THE ACTIVITIES OF ZAPU. THIS DE-ESCALATION ASPECT IS SO IMPORTANT THIS WEEK (AND PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER THE DIFFICULTY WE HAD OVER THE CEASE-FIRE AFTER THE ORIGINAL LUSAKA TALKS TWO YEARS AGO) THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO GARNER ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO BRING IT ABOUT.

E. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MR. FLOWER, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF OUR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION, MIGHT COME DOWN 285# .4. YOUNG AND MR. GEORGE SMITH ON THURSDAY IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU, AND HOPEFULLY THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS, DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL TERRORIST PICTURE,
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PARTICULARLY IN RELATIONS TO THE EASTERN BORDER AREA.

F. THERE IS NO INTENTION WHATEVER, OF DEPARTING FROM THE SCRIPT IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1-5 IN ANY STATEMENT THAT MIGHT BE MADE ON FRIDAY. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE AT THE VERY OUTSET OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE ON HOW I SHOULD
RESPOND IF I RECEIVE INVITATION TO BRIEFING ON TERRORIST
PICTURE (PARA 2E). BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN
COPY OF THE NOTE AND IS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT.
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